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Lettre de KEITEL à GOERING
du 17 juin 1944

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PROJET

Quartier Général du Führer
le 15.6.1944

COMMANDEMENT SUPREME DE L'ARMEE

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2 exemplaires

Secret d'Etat-Major

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Commandant en Chef de la Luftwaffe,
aux bons soins du Général en Chef von BRAUCHITSCH

Comme suite aux entretiens préliminaires qui ont eu lieu et après contact avec le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères du Reich et le Chef de la Sûreté et du SD, les faits suivants doivent être considérés comme actes de terrorisme. A l'occasion de la publication de cas de lynchage observés, ils doivent justifier la remise d'aviateurs prisonniers de guerre par le centre de rassemblement d'aviateurs d'Oberursel au Service de Sécurité (SD) pour traitement spécial : (Sonderbehandlung).

1. Attaques dirigées avec les armes du bord contre des civils isolés ou en groupes.

2. Tir dirigé contre nos propres aviateurs (Allemands) abattus encore suspendus au parachute.

3. Attaques dirigées avec les armes de bord contre des trains de voyageurs, des transports publics.

4. Attaques dirigées avec les armes de bord contre des hôpitaux militaires, hôpitaux et trains-hôpitaux distinctement marqués de la Croix rouge.

L'approbation du Reichsmarshall à la rédaction des motifs doit être obtenue verbalement; le cas échéant, il faudra informer de cette procédure le Commandant du Centre de rassemblement des aviateurs d'Oberursel.

En outre, il faudra obtenir l'approbation du Reichsmarshall en ce qui concerne l'application de la procédure envisagée pour les publications, comme il ressort de la copie incluse de la lettre adressée au Ministre des Affaires Etrangères.

On demande la confirmation écrite si possible pour le 18 courant.

Le Chef du Commandement Suprême

Signé KEITEL

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Doc. No. 729 PS Date 22 September 1945

STAFF EVIDENCE ANALYSIS

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT (Under following headings).

Title and Nature: Top Secret Letter from OKW/WFST to OKL, attention Col. Brauchitsch on plans for the killing of certain allied fliers.

Date: 15 June 44 Original ( ) Copy (X) Language: German

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable) as of 22 September 1945: Unknown; Copy OCC File Nurnberg.

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: From BDC OKW 1627.

PERSONS IMPLICATED: HITLER, Adolf; KEITEL, Wilhelm; JODL, Alfred; WARLIMONT, Walter; GOERING, Hermann; HIMMLER, Heinrich; RIBBENTROP, Joachim v.

NECESSARY PROCESSING TO PUT IN EVIDENTIARY FORM; LEADS: Document 730 PS, 731 PS.

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

1. Par. 1) contains the specifications for actions of allied fliers which will be considered "Acts of Terror". These actions are to be stressed in publication of cases of lynching. They will also lead to the transfer from the Air Force Interrogation Center "Oberursel" to the SD for special treatment. They are the same as those of document 730 PS and Par. 3 of document 734 PS. The last section of the paragraph requests Goering to approve these specifications and eventually issue oral (underlined) instructions to the CO of AFIC Oberursel.
2. On page 2, Goering's approval of the procedure for publicity is requested. The procedure is outlined in an enclosed letter to the Foreign Office (Document 730 PS).
3. Initialed by Warlimont on bottom of letter and by Jodl on first page.
4. The initial of Keitel on the bottom of the letter and remark of first page "Dispatched 17 June 10:30" indicates that this is a copy of the letter actually dispatched over Keitel's signature.

Analyst: Hartman Doc. No. 729 PS
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TRANSLATION OF DOC. NO. 729 PS
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TRANSLATION

Supreme Command of the Armed Forces
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Hand written Note:
20 June
Chief of Supreme
Command of Armed
Forces (Chef/OKW)
"K" (Keitel)

Fuhrer's Headquarters, 14 June 1944

Secret
2 Copies
Copy No.2
Top Secret
By Officer Courier only

Subject: Treatment of enemy terror aviators (hand written note: mailed 17 June
To the Supreme Commander of the Air Force
Attention: Col. of the General Staff von BRAUCHITSCH

1. On the basis of preliminary discussions and after consultation with the Foreign Minister and with the Chief of the Security Police and of the Security Service, the following activities are to be considered the acts of terror, which are to be taken into consideration upon the publication of an instance of lynching and which will justify the transfer of enemy aviators from the Air Forces (P.W.) Reception Camp OBERURSEL to the S.D. (Security Service) for special treatment:

1.) Low level aerial attacks upon the civilian population-upon individuals as well as upon groups.
2.) The shooting of our own downed (German) air crews, while parachuting to earth.
3.) Low-level aerial attacks upon passenger trains engaged in public (civilian) transportation.
4.) Low-level aerial attacks upon Army and Civilian Hospitals and upon hospital trains, which are clearly marked with the Red Cross:

It is requested to secure the approval of the Reichmarshall for this draft of prohibited acts, and if he does approve, orally to instruct the commandant of the Air Force (P.W.) Reception Camp OBERURSEL to proceed accordingly.

It is further requested that the approval of the Reichmarshall be obtained, for the method intended to be used in the procedure of publication as expressed in the enclosed communication to the Foreign Secretary.

A written confirmation is requested, if feasible, by the 18th of this month.

Chief of the Supreme Command of the Armed Forces
(initialed "K" (Keitel) 16 June)

- 1 - Enclosure (Anlage).

5. November 1945

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of Document No. 729-PS

I, FRED NIEBERGALL, 2nd Lt.Inf., 0-1335567, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and German languages and that the above is a true and correct translation to the indicated exerpt from Document NR. 729 PS.

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2nd Lt.Inf., 0-1335567

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